

REMARKS

This application has been carefully reviewed in light of the Office Action mailed September 25, 2006 (the "Office Action"). Claim 25 has been canceled. Thus, Claims 1-5, 7-19, and 21-24 remain in the application in which Claims 1 and 15 are the only independent claims. Favorable action on the merits of the claims as amended is earnestly solicited.

Allowable Subject Matter

Applicant gratefully acknowledges the Examiner's allowance of Claims 1-5, 7-19, and 21-24. Applicant therefore submits that all pending claims are now in condition for allowance in this case. Reconsideration and favorable action are earnestly solicited.

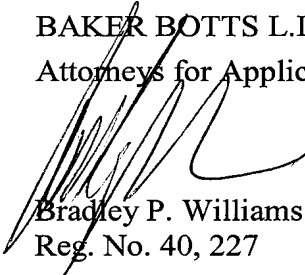
Conclusion

Applicant has made an earnest attempt to place this case in condition for allowance. For at least the foregoing reasons, Applicant respectfully requests full allowance of all pending claims.

If the Examiner believes that a telephone conference would advance prosecution of this Application in any manner, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned Attorney for Applicant at the Examiner's convenience.

Applicant believes that no fee is due. However, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees or credit any overpayments to Deposit Account No. 02-0384 of Baker Botts L.L.P.

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